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In re application of: **George HOSHI, et al.**

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For: **FLUID CONTROL DEVICE**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 9 as follows:

9. (Amended) A fluid control device according to Claim 6, wherein a clearance for inserting a tool therethrough for rotating the screw member is formed between each adjacent pair of the fluid controllers.

Please add the following new claim:

22. A fluid control device according to Claim 8, wherein a clearance for inserting a tool therethrough for rotating the screw member is formed between each adjacent pair of the fluid controllers.